**Facilities for SSIs**

1022. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to provide conducive environment which could enable the Small Scale Sector to face global competition;

(b) what would be the features of the legislation; and

(c) whether any consultations with the representatives of the sector have been held in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Government have received the draft of a Small Enterprises Development Bill from Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad. The draft seeks to address concerns of the small scale industries (SSI) sector related to credit, marketing, trade protection, labour related inspections etc. The draft bill as attempted by ASCI, Hyderabad has been presented in the 47th meeting of the SSI Board held on 4th July, 2002 for feed back from SSI Board Members.

**Promotion of SSIs in Andhra Pradesh**

1023. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any joint comprehensive package with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for promotion and development of SSI Sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to formulate such a package in the overall interest of SSI sector in the State and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have already announced a comprehensive policy package for SSIs on 30th August, 2000 in order to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. The package provides for easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure. This package is applicable all over the country including Andhra Pradesh.

**Favourable environment for SSIs**

1024. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "create hassle free environment for Small Units, CII" appearing in 'The Hindu' dated the 25th June, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the news-item in order to provide favourable industrial evironments for the small scale industrial units in the country so that they can face competition in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have already announced a comprehensive policy package on 30th August, 2000 to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. The policy package provides for *inter-alia* easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital